

## ERICA C. MUDD

### EDUCATION

May 2005                      **University of Baltimore School of Law**, Baltimore, Maryland  
J.D., *cum laude*

Academic:      Top 17.4%  
Honors:        Highest Grade in Class Honors: Contracts II; Health  
Care Law  
Journal:        *University of Baltimore Law Forum*, Recent  
Developments Editor  
(2004-2005); Associate Editor (2004); Staff Editor  
(2003-2004)  
Publication:   *State v. Snowden*: Hearsay Statements Made By  
Child Abuse Victims To A Social Worker May Not  
Be Admitted At A Criminal Trial Through The  
“Social Worker” Under Maryland’s Tender Years  
Statute  
Activities:      Legal Analysis Research & Writing I & II,  
Supervising Teaching Assistant (2004-2005);  
Teaching Assistant (2003-2004)

May 1999                      **University of Colorado**, Boulder, Colorado  
B.A. History

### LEGAL EXPERIENCE

September 2006 to Present    Senior Partner, **Armstrong Donohue, Ceppos, Vaughan & Rhoades, Chartered**, Rockville, MD

Practices Medical Malpractice, Professional Liability, and Insurance Defense, as well as General Liability Defense. Represents hospitals and behavioral health facilities, as well as medical practices, physicians, nurses, and other health care providers before courts and licensing boards in both Maryland and the District of Columbia. Tries cases and argues matters in both the trial court and appellate court settings. Presents in-service lectures and continuing education on risk management and litigation related issues, and creates and presents mock trials and depositions to various professional groups.

August 2005 to  
August 2006

Law Clerk, **The Honorable Patrick L. Woodward, Court of Special Appeals of Maryland**, Rockville, MD

Researched legal issues related to all areas of state law for Maryland's intermediate appellate court. Drafted two to four opinions per-month for Judge Woodward's review, comment, and approval. Attended hearing panel in Annapolis twice per-month, and observed between eight and ten oral arguments each month.

June 2003 to May 2005

Law Clerk, **Hamilton, Altman, Canale, & Dillon, LLC**, Bethesda, MD

Researched and drafted appellate briefs, dispositive motions and memoranda, pleadings, discovery, legal memoranda, correspondence, case assessment reports, and defense scenarios on a range of medical malpractice defense matters. Participated in client conferences and expert witness meetings, and assisted at hearings and trials.

November 2001  
August 2002

Patent Litigation Legal Assistant, **Rothwell, Figg, Ernst, & Manbeck, P.C.**, Washington, D.C.

Managed all aspects of a large patent litigation case load, including drafting discovery and correspondence, conducting factual investigations, document searches, prior art searches, and conducting cite checks.

January 2000 to  
October 2001

Legal Assistant, **Howrey, Simon, Arnold, & White**, Washington, D.C.

Co-/tri-managed two large client matters with the Commercial Trial Group. Drafted discovery and correspondence, communicated with clients and expert witnesses, and assisted at hearings, depositions, and trials. Provided on-site support for two out-of-state trials, which lasted a combined total of four months. Served a member of the Practice Support Committee Legal Assistant Focus Group.

September 1999 to  
January 2000

Legal Assistant, **Gilberg & Kiernan, Attorneys Law**, Washington, D.C.

Provided support on a range of insurance defense matters. Drafted discovery, and assisted in preparation for depositions, hearings, and trials.

## **BAR ADMISSIONS**

Maryland  
District of Columbia  
United States District Court for the District of Maryland  
United States District Court for the District of Columbia  
United States Court of Appeals for the 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit

## **ACADEMIC POSITION**

July 2013 – Present      **Adjunct Faculty, The American University Washington College of Law**, Washington, D.C.

Teaches in the Litigation Skills Summer Institute, which is a program designed for both practitioners and law students interested in mastering litigation skills.

## **AWARDS/RECOGNITION**

*Best Lawyers – 2023 – Lawyer of the Year – Medical Malpractice Defense – District of Columbia Daily Record – 2018 – 2023 Best Lawyers in Maryland (Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants)*  
*Best Lawyers – 2018 – 2022 Washington, D.C. (Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants)*  
*Super Lawyers – Maryland – 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023*  
*Super Lawyers – Maryland Rising Star – 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013*  
*Super Lawyers – District of Columbia Rising Star – 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023*  
*Super Lawyers – District of Columbia Rising Star – 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013*

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

Maryland-DC Society for Healthcare Risk Management  
Maryland State Bar Association  
Montgomery County Bar Association  
Prince George's County Bar Association  
District of Columbia Bar Association  
Defense Research Institute

## **LECTURES/PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS**

“Lost in Translation: Caring for Non-English/Limited English Proficient Patients,” *Doctors RX*, Volume 31, No. 1 (Spring/Summer 2023).

Big Problems Come in Little Packages – Series of Risk Management Presentations to Pediatricians and Pediatric Specialists (2017 – Present).

Hospital-Based Mock Trials (2019, 2021, 2022, 2023)

Legal Issues for Nursing and Physician Staff – In-Service Presentations to Hospital Staff Members (2018 – 2019, 2023).

Legal Issues for the Surgical Services Nursing Staff – In-Service Presentations to Hospital OR and PACU Staff Members (2017).

Legal Issues and Forms for Physicians – Series of Presentations to Physician Groups (2016).

Informed Consent Policy Changes – In-Service Presentation and Question and Answer Session to Hospital Surgical Services Staff (2015).

Standard of Care Issues – Series of Presentations to Physician Groups (2015).

Risk Management Issues Unique to the Operating Room Nurse – Presentation to AORN Members (2015).

Peer Review – Presentation to Orthopaedic Surgery Practice (2015).

EMR and Risk Management Concerns – Presentation to MD/DC/VA Hospital Risk Managers (2015).

Mock Trial (In-Service Presentation to Hospital Nursing Staff) – Highlighting Importance of Nursing Documentation in Defending Skin Breakdown Cases (2015, 2017).

Top 10 Statutes for Physicians – Series of Presentations to Physician Groups (2014).

Defensive Documentation and Risk Management Issues – Series of Presentations to Physician Groups, Residents, Fellows, and Hospital Staff Members (2012 – 2014).

Defensive Electronic Medical Record Documentation – Series of Presentations to Physician and Nurse Groups (2011-2014).

Risk Management Issues – Orientation Presentation to Transfer Resident Physicians and Fellows (2013).

HIPAA and HITECH – Series of Presentations to Physicians Groups (2013).

Risk Management Issues for Surgical Staff Members – Presentation to Hospital-Based Operative Services Staff Members (2013).

“Bullying of the New Lawyer” – Video Presentation to New Members of the Maryland State Bar (2011-2012).

Updates in Maryland and District of Columbia Medical Malpractice Law – Presentation to Health Care System Corporate Claims Committee (2012).